

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1        In a network node attached to a serial bus, a first count value is  
2   incremented beginning with the start timing of a child notify signal transmitted  
3   from the node to the bus until the end timing of a parent notify signal received  
4   by the node from said bus. The first count value represents the turnaround  
5   time of signals between the node and a node attached to the remote end of the  
6   serial bus. Normally, signals from the serial bus are supplied to a higher layer.  
7   Instead of the received bus signal, an idle signal is supplied to the higher layer  
8   for an interval beginning with the end timing of a packet transmitted from the  
9   higher layer to the bus until the interval corresponds to the turnaround time.

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